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The proposed transfer of procedural provisions from the body of law laid down by the Council (Customs Code) to the Commission's sphere of responsibility (Customs Code implementing provisions) has both advantages and disadvantages. The swifter and more flexible adaptation of provisions to the needs of economic operators and customs administrations might be beneficial. However, frequent changes could be seen as a disadvantage vis-à-vis the stability offered by the Code in the past. From the Committee's point of view, the transfer of responsibility for procedural provisions to the Commission could be welcomed if individual decisions are taken properly using the "comitology" procedure, i.e. after consulting economic operators and customs administrations.